

GOD, AND MY RIGHT

IN MY DEFENCE.



ACT

ANENT THE COLLECTING OF THE
Taxation, and reliefe to Prelates.

At *Holy-rude-House* the 28. day of Iulie 1630.



ORSOME EKLE as the Estates presentlie conveened vpon verie great considerations, mouing them, and for a testimonie of their vnfained affections to his Majesties seruice, and for supplie of a part of the great charges which his M^a. repairing to this Kingdome, for receiuing of his imperiall Crowne; Will necessarilie draw vpon him, and for defraying of the debts which his M^a. hath contracted for buying of heritable Offices, hath made a free and willing offer of a Taxation, to bee payed, collected, and vp-lifted in manner, and at the foure Tearmes following. That is to say, For the Barrons and Free-holders parts of the same Taxation, thirtie shillings money to bee vp-lifted of euerie pound Land of olde extent within this Kingdome, pertaining to Dukes, Marqueises, Earles, Vicounts, Lords, Barrons, Free-holders, and Fewers of our Soueraigne Lords proper Lands holden by them immediatelie of of his M^a. And to bee payed by them, at euerie one of the foure seuerall Tearmes following. That is to say, The summe of thirtie shillings money, at the Feast and Tearme of *Martimesse* nextocome, in this instant yeare of God, 1630 yeares: The summe of other thirtie shillings, at the Feast and Tearme of *Martimesse*, in the yeare of God, 1631 yeares. The summe of other thirtie shillings money at the Feast and Tearme of *Mertimesse*, in the yeare of God, 1632. yeares. And the summe of other thirtie shillings money at the Feast and Tearme of *Martimesse*, in the yeare of God 1633 yeares.

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And for the spirituall men and Borrowes parts of the same Taxation, that there shall bee vp-lifted of euerie Archbishopricke, Bishopricke, Abacie, Pryorie, and other inferior Benefice, and of euerie free Burgh within this Kingdome: at euerie one of the saides foure Tearmes payment, the just Taxation thereof, and as they haue bene accustomed to bee taxed vnto in all tyme bygone, whensoever the temporall Lands within this Kingdome were stented to thirtie shilling, money the pound land of olde extent. And the same Taxation to bee payed at euerie one of the foure senerall Tearmes aboue-written.

And for imbringing of the spirituall mens parts of the same Taxation, ordaines Letters to bee direct, charging all and sundrie Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Pryors, as likewise all noble men, and others in whose fauour the erection of anie Prelacie or other inferior Benefice, or anie part or portion thereof, bee it in Lands, Kirkes or Teinds, or in whose fauour the Patronage of anie Benefice, Kirkes, or Teinds is past, and all other beneficed Persons contained in the taxt rolls, their heritable Bailies, Chamberlanes, Factors, and intromettours with their rents and liuing personallie, or at their dwelling places, and by open proclamation at the mercat Crosses of the head Borrowes of the Shyrrifdomes Stewartries, and Bailleries where the saids Prelacies erected, Lordships and small Benefices lyes, if they bee within this Kingdome, and if they bee with out this Kingdome by open proclamation at the mercat Crosse of *Edinburgh*, Peire and shoare of *Leeth*, vpon threescore dayes warning.

To make payment of that summe, that they and each one of them are taxt vnto for euerie one of the saids foure Tearmes, to the Collector generall of the said Taxation, appointed or to bee appointed by his M^a. or his Deputes and Officers in his name, hauing his power and Commission to receiue the same at the particular Tearmes aboue-written, vnder the paine of rebellion and putting of them to the Horne, and if they failie therein at the bypasseing of euerie one of the saids Tearmes. To denounce the disobeyers Rebels and put them to the horne. And to escheit &c.

And that the prelats and Beneficed persons and such Noble-men and others in whose fauours the Erections and Patronages aboue-written are past for their reliefe haue letters chargeing their Vassals Sub-vassals Ladies of Terce Coniunctiers and Life-renters Fewers Tacksmen and Pensioners. To make payment of their part of the said Taxation each one of them *Pro rata* according to the summe they shall bee Taxed vnto, to the saides Prelates and others Beneficed persons, and to the saids Noble-men, and others hauing power to receiue the same within twentie dayes next after the charge, vnder the paine of rebellion, &c. And if they they failie to denounce and eschiet, and to poynd and distreinzie therefore, as they shall thinke most expedient, providing alwayes that the first tearmes payment of the said Taxation bee ouer-past before the next tearmes payment bee charged for. And the Estates declares that the production of sufficient Hornings against the saids Vassals, Fewers, Tacks-men, and Pensioners, shall bee a reliefe to the saids Prelats, Lords of erections, and Beneficed persons, and shall exoner them *pro tanto*, from payment the said Taxation. Prouiding that the same horninges with their taxt rolls authenticklie made and subscribed by the saids Prelates, Lords of erections, and other beneficed persons, and by their Fewers, Vassals, Tacksmen

tak-men and pensioners in manner heereafter prescribed, containing the particular summe which each one of them are taxt vnto, bee deliuered to the Collector of the same Taxation, within the space of threescore dayes after euery Tearme: Otherwise hee shall bee no wayes oblised to receiue the same, neither shall the Prelate, Lord of erection, nor beneficed person bee exonered by production of the same at any time thereafter.

And farder, that the saids prelats and such Noble men, and others in whole fauours the Erections and Patronages aboue written are past, and all others beneficed persons, may haue their reliefe of their Vassals, sub-Vassals, Ladies of terce, conjunctifiers, liue-reuters, Fewers, Takmen, and pensioners: To the greater ease, and lesse trouble to their saids Vassals and others foresaid. And to the effect, that euerie one proportionallie may pay his part of the said Taxation, according to the quantity and auaille of the free rent which hee hath of his Benefice, Lands, pensions, Kirkes, and teind sheeues pertaining to him aswell the prelate Lord of erection, patron, and others beneficed persons themselues, as the Fewer, takmen and pensioners.

It is thought expedient, statute, and ordained, that the saids Prelates and others aboue-rehearsed, euerie one of them seuerallie shall conueene his whole Fewers, Vassals, Tak-men, and pensioners at the particular places heereafter designed. They are to say, The Archbishop of S^t. *Andros* at the Citie of S^t. *Andros*, The Archbishop of *Glasgow* at the Citie of *Glasgow*: The Bishop of *Orkney*, at the towne of *Kirkwall*. The Bishop of *Caithnes*, at the towne of *Durnoch*. The Bishop of *Resse*, at the towne of *Chanorie* of *Resse*. The Bishop of *Murray*, at the towne of *Elgin*. The Bishop of *Aberdeen*, at the burgh of *Aberdin*. The Bishop of *Brechin*, at the burgh of *Brechin*. The Bishop of *Dunkeld*, at the towne of *Dunkeld*. The Bishop of *Dumblane*, at the towne of *Dumblane*. The Bishop of *Galloway*, at the towne of *Wigton*. The Bishop of *Argyll*, at the towne of *Inverara*. The Bishop of the *Isles*, at the burgh of *Rothsay* in *Bute*. The Abbotte of *Icomkill*, at the burgh of *Inverness*. The Pryor of *Ardochattan*, at the burgh of *Inverara*. The Abbotte of *Ferne*, at the burgh of *Tayne*. The Lord of *Beulie*, at the burgh of *Inverness*. The Lord of *Kinloss*, at the burgh of *Forres*. The Pryor of *Pluscarden*, at the burgh of *Elgin*. The Lord of *Dene*, at the towne of *Peterhead*. The Pryor of *Fyvie*, at the towne of *Turreffe*. The Pryor of *Monymuske*, at the towne of *Monymuske*. The Lord of *Arbroth*, at the burgh of *Arbroth*. The Lord of *Scoone*, at the burgh of *Perth*. The Lord of *Cowper*, at the towne of *Cowper* in *Angus*. The Pryor of *Reskenneth*, at the burgh of *Forfar*. The Collector of the same Taxation in place of the pryor of Charter-house, the seate now vacand of the burgh of *Perth*. The Pryor of *Elcho*, at the same burgh of *Perth*. The Pryor of *Staphylland*, at the Kirke of *Comerie*. The Lord of *Inchaffray*, at the burgh of *Perth*. The Pryor of *Inchmahomo*, at the burgh of *Stirling*. The Pryor of Saint *Andros*, at the Citie of Saint *Andros*. The Baillie of the Regalitie of *Dunfermling*, at the burgh of *Dunfermling*. The Lord of *Balmerinock*, at the burgh of *Cowper* in *Fife*. The Lord of *Londors*, at the burgh of *Cowper* in *Fife*. The Maisters of Saint *Leonards* Colledge, in S. *Andros*. For the Pryorie of *Portmoeke*, at the burgh of *Cowper* in *Fife*. The pryor of *Pittenweime*, at the burgh of *Pittenweime*. The Lord of Saint *Colmbe*, at

the burgh of *Innerkeithing*. The Lord of *Culros*, at the burgh of *Culros*. The Abbotte of *Cambuskynneth*, at the burgh of *Stirling*. The Lord of *Torphechin*, at the burgh of *Linlithgow*. The Pryor of *Manwell*, at the burgh of *Linlithgow*. The Lord *Halie-rud house*, at the burgh of *Edinburgh*. The Lord *New-bottle*, at the burgh of *Edinburgh*. The Pryorelle of *Hadingtowne*, at the burgh of *Hadingtowne*. The Lord of the tempo-
rall lands of the pryorie of *North-bervicke*, at the burgh of *North-bervicke*. The patron and person of the Kirke of *Kinnewchar* dissolued from the pryorie of *North-bervicke*, at the towne of *Elie*. The patron and person of the Kirke of *Largo* dissolued from *North-bervicke*, at the towne of *Largo*. The patron and person of the Kirke of *Mayboill*, dissolued from *North-bervicke*, at the towne of *Mayboill*. The patron and person of the Kirke of *Logie* dissolued from *North-bervicke* at the burgh of *Stirling*. The Lord of *Kelfo* at the towne of *Kelfo*. The Lord of *Coldingham*, at the towne of *Haymouth*. The Lord of *Dryburgh*, at the towne of *Dryburgh*. The pry-
or of *Ecliffe*, at the towne of *Dunee*. The pryor of *Cald-streame*, at the towne of *Dunee*. The Lord of *Iedburgh*, at the burgh of *Iedburgh*. The Lord of *Melrose*, at the towne of *Melrose*. The Lord of *Pa'slay*, at the towne of *Pa'slay*. The Lord of *Blainyre*, at the burgh of *Glasgow*. The Lord and Baillie of the temporall lands of *Kilwynning*, and the patrons and persons of the Kirkes of *Kilwynning*, dissolued from the Abbacie of *Kilwynning*, at the burgh of *Irwing*. The Abbotte of *Corsraguell* at the towne of *Mayboill*. The pryorie of *Whithorne*, at the burgh of *Whithorne*. The Abbotte of *Saulsette*, at the burgh of *Whithorne*. The pryor of *Saint Ma-
rieile*, at the burgh of *Kirkcubright*. The Lord of *Dundrennane*, at the Burgh of *Kirkcubright*. The Lord of *Glenluce*, at the Burgh of *Wigtoun*. The Abbotte of *Toung-land*, at the burgh of *Wigtoun*. The Abbotte of *Now-
abay*, at the burgh of *Dumfries*. The Abbotte of *Holie-woode*, at the burgh of *Drumfreis*. The pryor of *Canabie*, at the burgh of *Annan*. The Baron and Bailie of the barronie of *Bruyhtune*, desolued from the Lord-ship of *Halvrude-house*, At the burgh of *Edinburgh*. The heritours of the hundreth pound land of the Barronie of *Monk-land* desolued from the Lord-ship of *Newbotle*, at the citie of *Glasgow*. The Ministers of *Felfurde* at the burgh of *Aire*. The Minister of *Scotland-well*, at the Burgh of *Sant-Andros*. The Mi-
nister of the Croce Kirke of *Peebles* at the burgh of *Peebles*. The patron and person of the Kirke of *Dundie* desolued from the Abacie of *Lundores*, at the Burgh of *Dundie*, and all others small Beneficed persons at the pa-
rish Kirkes of their particulare Benefices: And that they conveene to the effect aboue-written vpon the thirteenth day of October nixt come in the yeare of God 1630 yeares instant: Which is declared to be the pre-
cease day appointed for all their Vassels, Fewers, Tackel-men, and Pen-
sioners to keepe the said meeting, and that no further citation nor som-
monding shalbe requisite, then this Proclamation and publication of this present Act at the mercat Croces of the head Bortowes of this Kingdome.

And heere-with it is resolued by the saids Estates that if any Vaf-
sels, Sub-vassels, Fewer, tackel-men, of teynds pensioner, or any other
justlie bund to make releif to prelate, Lord of Ereccion, Patron, or o-
ther Beneficed person of any part of the said taxation, shall send any procu-
rator in his name sufficientlie authorized to the said meeting: the same shall
not only excuse the absence of the principall partie but the procuratours
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shall bee admitted in all thinges, and receiued to doe and performe in the distribution of the said taxation what could or lawfullie might haue beene done by him who sent him.

It is likewise declared, that the prelate, Lord of erection, patron, or other beneficed person, impeded by disease or distracted vpon some other necessar occasion from attending that meeting, hauing his absence supplied that day by a sufficient worthie person whom hee shall authorize and appointe to that effect, shall bee as lawfull as if hee were personally present himselfe: and the partie so authorized shall bee admitted and receiued in all thinges to doe and performe in the distribution of the same taxation, what could or lawfullie might haue beene done by him who sent him.

It is further statute and ordained that at the said day of meeting, the saids Prelates, Lords of erections, patrons and others beneficed persons, shall by themselves, or by their procuratours lawfullie authorized as said is: Fence and hold a Court, call by name and surname vpon euerie one of their Vassals, sub-vassals, Fewers, takf-men of teinds, pensioners, and others oblised to relieue them of any parte of the same Taxation, and lawfull time and day beeing bidden to show to their saids Vassals, Fewers, takf-men, and pensioners, or their procuratours compearing for them, the quantitie of the Taxation imposed vpon their prelacie, erected Lordship or other benefice authenticklie subscribed by the Clerk of the same taxation. And they all at the least so many of them as shall conueene for this effect with a consent, shall distribute the same to bee payed by euerie man as well by the Prelate, Lord of erection and present possessour of small benefices for the free rent that euerie one of them hath of their prelacies, erected Lordships, and small benefices, as by the Vassall, Fewer, takf-man, and pensioner, according to the great or small quantitie of the free rent, which euerie one of them hath either of their lands, teinds, or pensions, with certification to anie of the saids persons, Fewers, Vassals, takf-men, and pensioners that compeares not by themselves or their procuratours at the day and place aboue specified to the effect foresaid. That such as shall conueene with the saides Prelates, Lords of erections, patrons, and other beneficed persons, or their procuratours shall proceede in the equall distribution of the same Taxation, as well among them that are absent as present, and shall make and subscribe an authenticke taxt-roll therevpon. And in case that none of the saids Vassals, Fewers, takf-men and pensioners, shall conueene at the day and place aboue-specified, to this effect by themselves or their procuratours, but shall wilfullie absent themselves from the said meeting. It shall bee lawfull for the saids Prelates, Lords of erections patrons, and other beneficed persons, beeing present by themselves or their procuratours at the day and places aboue-specified to make set downe and subscribe the same taxt roll, and in case any of the saides Prelates, Lords of erections, patrons, or others beneficed persons, shall not conueene by themselves, or by their procuratours, at the day and places aboue-specified particularlie disigned to euerie one of them, it shall bee lawfull for the saids Vassals, Fewers, takfmen and pensioners, at the least so manie of them as shall conueene by themselves or their procuratours, to make sette downe and subscribe the said taxt-roll, which

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taxt roll shall containe the particulare summe that euerie one shall bee found iustie to bee adebted to pay, the parties name adebted to pay the same, and the cause wherefore the same ought to bee payed. And beeing so set downe either by the prelate, Lord of erection, patron and other beneficed person or their lawfull procuratours with so manie of their Vassals, sub-vassals, Fewers, tak-men of teinds, pensioners, and others oblisht to relieue them of anie part of the same taxation as shall conueene with them to this effect: And incase that none shall conueene with them, the said roll beeing then sette downe by the prelate, Lord of erection, patron, or other beneficed person, or their lawfull procuratours, or incase of their absence beeing sette downe made and subscribed by the most part of the saides Vassals, Fewers, tak-men, and pensioners as by themselves or their procuratours shall conueene themselves for this effect. The saides Estates discernes to bee as lawfull in all respects, as if the whole number of persons hauing intresse therein, had conueened, made set downe and subscribed the same, which taxt-roll beeing so sette downe, made and subscribed in manner aboue-written (and no otherwise) and deliuered to the Clerke of the taxation. The saids Estates ordaines him to giue warrand for giuing of Letters of reliefe therevpon discharging him in any case to giue warrand for giuing Letters of reliefe vpon any roll presented vnto him, not made and authenticklie subscribed in forme aboue-written, as hee will answere to the contrare vpon his perrell.

It is likewise statute and ordained that tak-men of teindes shall haue their reliefe of their sub-tak-men *pro tanto*. Respect beeing had to the grissome payed by the saids sub-tak-men.

And for inbringing of the Barrons and free-holders part of the same taxation, and of the Fewers and rentellers of our Soueraigne Lords proper lands their partes thereof: Ordaines Letters to bee direct, charging all and sundrie Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillie, their Deputes, and Clerkes, Fewers, Chamberlanes, and receiueres of our Soueraigne Lords proper landes: that they and euerie one of them within the bounds of their proper offices, raise and vp-lift the summe of thirtie shillinges money of this Realme, of euerie pound land of olde exteat lying within the boundes of their jurisdictions, for euerie one of the foure Tearmes abonue-specified: and inbring and deliuer the same to the Collectour forsaide, or to his Deputes and Officers in his name haueing his power to receaue the same at the particnlar tearmes aboue-specified: vnder the paine of rebellion &c. And if they failie at the by passing of euerie one of the saids tearmes to denunce and escheit, &c.

And for their releife that letters bee direct charging all and sundrie Dukes, Earles, Lords, Barrons, Free-holders, Fewers, and Rentallers, of our Soueraigne Lords proper lands, personalie or at their dwelling places and by open Proclamatiton at the mercat crosse of the head burgh of the Shirefdome, Stewartrie, Bailierie, where their landes lyes if they bee within the Kingdome and if they be without the Kingdome by open proclamation at the mercat crosse of *Edinburgh*, peir and shore of *Leith*, vpon thtee-score dayes warninng: To make payment to the saids Shyrreffes, Stewartes, and Baillies, their Deputes and Clerkes, Chamberlanes, and receiueres of our Soueraigne lords proper lands, euerie one of them

of them for their owne parts *respective*, the said summe of thirtie shillings money foresaid for euerie pound land of olde extent pertaining to them for euerie one of the saids foure tearmes payment, within twentie dayes next after they bee charged thereto. Vnder the paine rebellion, &c. And if they failie, to denounce, &c. and escheat, &c. And if neede bee, that the saides Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillies, their Deputes and Clerkes, Chamberlanes, and receiuers of our Soueraigne lords proper lands, poynde and distrinzie the readiest goods and geare beeing vpon the saides lands therefore, as they shall thinke most expedient.

And that the saides Earles, Lords, Barrons and free holders, Fewers, and rentallers of our Soueraigne lords lands, haue letters for their reliefe to charge their Vassals, sub-vassals, ladies of terce, conjunctifiers, and liue-renters, to make payment of their partes of the said taxation, within twentie dayes next after the charge: Vnder the paine of rebellion, &c. And if they failie, to denounce, &c. and escheat, &c. And if neede bee, that they poynde and distrinzie therefore, prouiding alwayes that the first tearmes payment of the saide taxation bee euer past before the next tearme bee charged for.

And for imbringing of the Borrowes part of the same taxation, ordaines letters to be direct, charging the Prouest and Baillies of each burgh to make payment of the taxt and stent thereof, to the Collesier generall aforesaid, his Deputes and Officers in his Name, hauing his power to receiue the same, at the particular tearmes aboue specified vnder the paine of rebellion &c. And if they failie to denounce &c. and escheat, &c. And for their reliefe, that letters bee direct, charging the Prouest, Baillies, and Counsell, within each burgh to conueene and elect certaine persons to stent their neighbours: And the said election beeing made to charge the persons elected to accept the charge vpon them in setting of the said stent vpon the inhabitants of euerie burgh, and to conueene and set the same, and make a stent roll therevpon as effects, within twentie foure houre next after the charge: Vnder the paine of rebellion, &c. And if they failie to denounce, &c. and escheat, &c. And like like, the said stent roll beeing made and sette downe as said is. To charge the Burgeses, indwellers, and inhabitants within each burgh, to make payment of their partes of the saids stent, to the said Prouest and Baillies conforme to the taxt roll to bee giuen out therevpon, within three dayes after the charge: Vnder the paine of rebellion, &c. And if they failie to denounce, &c. and escheat, &c. And if neede bee that the saides Prouests and Baillies poynd and distrinzie therefore, as they shall thinke most expedient. It is alwayes provided that no person whatsomeuer bee stented or taxt within burgh, except according to the auaille and quantitie of his rent, liuing, goods and geare, which hee hath within burgh, no wayes respecting his lands nor possessions which hee hath to Landward, for the which hee will bee oblisht to pay taxation to other Officers, prouiding alwayes that the first tearmes payment of the said taxation bee euer past before the next tearme to charged for.

Attour, the saids Estates discernes and declares, that the charges to bee giuen for payment of the said taxation, shall bee execute before the tearmes of payment, aboue specified for euerie tearmes payment particularlie by it selfe: And that the denuntiation of Horning following therevpon,

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past, and twentie dayes thereafter. Which denunciation so following
vpon the charges giuen before the saids tearmes of payment. The saids
Estates decernes and declares to bee valide and sufficient.

And the saides Estates considering the great abuse that hath beene
used in all times bygone by sundrie of the Leiges of this Kingdome a-
gainst all good conscience, in causing of their poore Farmerers, Ten-
nants, & labourers of the ground being remoueable, who are subject in pay-
ment of verie deare Fermes and other dueties, to relieue them of the
whole burthen of the by-gone taxation which hath beene the occasion
of impouerishing a number of the saides Farmerers, labourers, and Ten-
nants, and bringing of them to vtter wracke and ruine, whereas of reason
they should bee altogether free from the payment of anie taxations. And
the same should bee payed by such as haue free rents, lands, and goods
of their owne. For remeede whereof, is it statute and ordained that
no persons whatsomeuer exact or compell his Tennants or Farmerers
remouable, who payes ferme and other deare dueties for the lands oc-
cupied by them, to pay anie part of this present Taxation, or to seeke
reliefe at their hands of the same. And if the same bee found done by
any persons, that they shall bee called and conuened therefore be-
fore his M^a. Iustice and his Deputes, or before his M^a. Counsell, as
violent and maisterfull oppressours of his M^a. Subjectes, and punished
therefore according to Iustice.

And further, the Estates considering that besides the ordinarie char-
ges which his M^a. vnderlyes, for the maintenance of the honour, digni-
tie, and estate of his M^a. Kingdome, His M^a. is likewise driuen to many
other great charges, for buying of heritable offices, and other interui-
ning occasions occurring in the Estate. Therefore Beside the or-
dinarie Taxation aboue-written. The saides Estates hath for the space
of foure yeares next, and immediatelie following the tearme of Mert-
timesse next frelie and voluntarilie granted vnto his M^a. an yearely ex-
traordinarie Taxation of the twentie pennie of all anwelrentes which
anie person or persons within this Kingdome hath frelie due and
payable vnto them yearelie and tearmely, their owne anwelrents where-
in they are adebted to others beeing first deduced. The first tearmes
payment thereof shall bee and beginne at the said feast and tearme of
Mertimesse next-to-come and so foorth yearely and tearmelie at Mert-
messe and Witsonday, vntill the saides foure yeares, and the eight tearmes
payment thereof bee fullie and compleatlie out-runne.

And whereas the saids Estates hath by act of Parliament authorized
all and sundrie heritable Shyrreffes, Stewarts, Baillies, and Baillies of Re-
galities, and their Deputes, and the Prouestes and Baillies of free Bor-
rowes within the bounds of their Iurisdiccions, as likewise the Clerkes
within the Iurisdiccions, where these offices are not heritable, which
Clerkes haue their offices *ad vitam*, to collect the said extraordinarie Tax-
ation and to make payment thereof to the Collector generall of the same
Taxation.

Therefore and for imbringing of the saide extraordinarie Taxation.
The saids Estates ordaines letters to bee direct, charging all sundrie the
saids heritable Shyrreffes, Stwartes, Baillies, Baillies of Regalities, and
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their Deputes and Clerkes, and the saides Prouestes and Baillies of free Borrowes and their Clerkes, as likewise the Clerkes within the jurisdictions where these offices are not heritable that they and euerie one of them by-north the water of *Dee*, within the space of fiftene dayes after euerie tearme of Mertemesse and Witslonday, and that they and euerie one of them by-south the water of *Dee*, within the space of ten dayes after euerie tearme of Mertemesse and Witslonday, deliuer to his Majesties said Collector generall a true and just accompt and inuentar of the whole summes of money, due to bee payed by any person, within the bounds of their jurisdiction for his part of the said extraordinarie taxation, and that they giue vp the same compt in inuentar vpon their oath, solemnely sworne, that the same is just and true, and to make payment to his M^a, said Collector generall, or to his Deputes in his name, hauing his power to receiue the same of the whole moneys due to be payed to his M^a. conforme to the said compt and inuentar, within twentie dayes after each Tearme, vnder the paine of rebellion: And in case the saids Shyrreffes, Stewarts, Baillies, Baillies of Regalities, their Deputes and Clerkes failie to denounce, &c. and to escheat, &c. For whose reliefe that Letters bee direct, charging all and sundrie the saides anwelrenters, to make payment to the saids Shyrreffes, Stewarts, Baillies, Baillies of Regalities, their Deputes, and Clerkes, Prouestes, and Baillies of free Borrowes of the said twentie pennie of all anwelrents, frelie due and payable to them, within twentie dayes next after the charge, vnder the paine of rebellion, &c. And if they failie, to denounce, &c. And if neede bee that the saids Shyrreffes, Stewarts, Baillies of Regalities, Clerkes, Prouestes and Baillies, of free Borrowes, poinde and distrenzie therefore, as they shall thinke most expedient.

And the Estates ordaines the Lords of Session to bee onelie Judges to all Suspensions to bee craued and suted by any of our Soueraigne Lords Leiges touching the saids Taxations, which such Suspensions, the saids Estates finds may bee granted vpon lawfull and equitable reasons to bee considered by them, and discharges all other Iudges within the Kingdome, of granting of any Suspensions thereanent. With power to the saids Lords, to deligate siue at the least of their ordinarie number, as they thinke expedient, to sitte cognolce and decide the saids Suspensions, in time of Vacances, if neede bee.

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